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DUKE OF SAVOYE

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DECLARATION



OR THE

RE-ESTABLISHMENT,

Granted to the

VAUDOIS.

Done out of French.

TH E Signal Proofs of Loyalty and the Evident Marks of Zeal for Our Service, which have been given Us, and are continued to be given Us every day by our Protestant Subjects of the Vallies of *Luzerne, Peruse, St. Martin* and the adjacent Places, *viz. Peroufn, St. Bartholomy, and Rocheplatte*; having already invited us to receive them afresh under Our Protection: We have thought fit on Weighty Considerations that we should no longer delay the Publishing their Entire Re-establishment in Our Favour, to incite them so much the more to deserve it.

Therefore We by these Presents, which we will to have the Force of an Edict, of our certain knowledge, full Power, Absolute Authority, and with the Advice of our Council, grant to the said Protestants ample Pardon and Entire Absolution, Remission and Abolition of all Crimes, which they had been taxed with for Contravention of Our Edicts of the 13th of *January* and 9th of *April* 1686. as well in general as particular, and of all others which they have committed in dependance of the said Edicts, how Enormous and great soever they might be, without excepting any, even that of late Majesty Divine and Humane, and which require specific or individual Mention, and of all the Pains declared or incurred by reason of them. Revoking and Annuling, for this End, the said Edicts and their Registrings, as also the Declarations of Punishments, Sentences, Ordinances and all other Acts and Orders made in Execution of the said Edicts against the said Protestants; so that for the future they shall remain without any Force and Effect, as if they had never been made.

We Re establish them and all those who had given them Aid, Counsel and Favour in their former honour and in our good Grace, as they were be-

before the Contraventions of the said Edicts : Ordaining that all those of the said Protestants, that are yet in Custody, be immediately set at Liberty, and that the Sons and Daughters of the said Protestants of what Age, and in what Place of our Estates soever they are, be left at full Liberty to return to their Parents, in the said Vallies, and to make profession of their Religion there, and that for this Effect they be returned without Payment of any Charge, Restoring and Willing that the said Protestants be maintained with their Children and Posterity in the Possession of all and every their Antient Rights, Edicts, Customs, Usages and Privileges, as well in respect of their Habitations, Traffique, Commerce and Exercise of the Religion which they profess as of all other things without Exception Re establishing them again in and restoring them to the Quiet and Peaceable Possession and Enjoyment of all the Goods, Fonds, Houses, Heritages, Names, Accounts and Actions, and of all other things which shall be found in being and in nature, and which they can justify, by all manner of proofs, had appertained to them immediately before the said Edicts of the 13th of January, and 9th of April 1686. Ordaining all those that may have been in Possession of the said Goods and Effects, which belonged to the said Protestants before the said Edicts, that in conformity to what is above, they restore them, and leave the said Protestants in the free and peaceable Enjoyment, without disquieting or molesting them any manner of way, and under any pretence whatsoever. Prohibiting all Magistrates, Judges, Officers and Fiscals, and all others to whom it shall be necessary, any further to disturb really nor personally the foresaid and their Adherents, as well for the present as future, by reason of the said Contraventions and Delicts, Annexes, Connexes and Dependances, so that they may no more be call'd to Account, in general or in particular, much less disquieted in any sort in their Persons and Goods ; by reason of the said Edicts, nor Adjurations which they may have made : Imposing on the Fisc and on all others that might molest them a perpetual and final silence.

Declaring from this present Null all that might follow on the contrary. WE permit further to every Person professing the same Religion, and to go and settle freely in the said Vallies, they taking the accustomed Oath of Fidelity, and to live and be always Faithful and Obedient Subjects to Us, and our Royal Successors to the Crown.

For this End we Charge and Command all Magistrates, Ministers, Officers, Vassels and all others whom it may concern to observe and cause inviolably to be observed these presents. And to our Senates and Chamber of *Piemont* to the Register and approve in every point and every where according to the Contents. And to the End that none may be ignorant of the Content, WE charge that the same be Published and Affixed in the Places and manner accustomed ; Declaring that the same Credit shall be given to the Copy Printed by *Vallera*, as to the proper Original : For such is our Pleasure.

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